



Change your approach.
not your destination.

Marquette Interchange Coordination Team Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2005

DATE: August 11, 2005
FROM: Crystal DuPont, District 2 Planning
August 11, 2005 at 10 a.m., Amtrak Station: Revised

The meeting was held in the East Conference Room of the Amtrak Station located at 433 West St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The meeting started at 10 a.m. and concluded at 11 a.m.

Introductions: The meeting began with introductions.

Corrections to the minutes from July 21, 2005: Under C. DuPont "this is on project. Was deleted. Under K. Reed should read "The core project and South Leg project will be let on."

Kitty Reed: Kitty was unable to attend, however, she provided an update. The storm Water Diversion project was let on August 9. The single bidder was a DBE firm. No award has been made. The Traffic Mitigation, ID 1060-05-94 is still being examined for options with no bidder selected. The Core and South Leg project will be let on August 23. DBE payments to date: West Leg – 13.83% and North Leg 22.09%.

Visual Xiong: Visual was unable to attend, however, he provided an update. Visual continues MQIC packet formation and distributes them to Hmong businesses, grocery stores, job placement centers, child-care centers, schools, food pantry etc. The Asian Moon Festival HAFA booth provided information packets to about 150 visitors and the Lao Hmong American Veteran celebration provided about 200 to attendees and Veterans. Finally, on July 30, the Hmong ABC Radio station WYJI 1340, Brian Manthey and Visual updated listeners with MQIC information.

Donna Eurick: Marquette Interchange labor goals have remained stable. Revised percentages should be shared next month with Tim Staat's return to provide more detailed reviews.

Rosie Smith: Rosie announced and invited the team to attend the DBE 20th Annual Secretary's Awards Luncheon to be held at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West on Friday, October 14, 2005. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Adriana Raming: Abrazo continues to distribute MQIC material throughout the community, local churches, grocery stores and kiosks. Abrazo coordinated and attended a meeting with UCC and Laura Goranson regarding utilization of parking on 6th and Washington. Upcoming events for brochure distribution during the following events are: Racine Fiesta, August 12-14, Mexican Fiesta, August 26-28 and the USHCC Conference in September. Meetings will continue regarding 5th and 6th Street parking.

Laura Goranson: Public outreach and information meetings continue to focus on items such as dust control, parking removal, and 5th and 6th Street parking concerns in preparation for the Core project. Parkmilwaukee.com will continue to provide updated parking opportunities. Laura stated that the team is working on the next Get Around Guide (GAG) that will be inserted in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on October 2, 2005.

Cecilia Smith-Robertson: Cecilia Smith-Robertson, Milwaukee area manager from Sen. Feingold's office updated the group on the transportation bill, provided compliments on the MQIC project tour she and her colleague received and stressed that the coordination this group participates in is very important with expectations that this type of process will continue into future projects.

Martha Love: Martha continues her efforts at WAICO providing information on the Marquette Interchange project, and distributed Get Around Guides. Good comments on the Marquette Interchange project continue to be received and she and Mike Jenkins continue to manage the dust problems. Stakeholders continue to be provided with Get Around Guides and relationships continue to improve between WisDOT and the community.

Angie Cottonaro: Haas Media continues to distribute GAG to businesses and residents in the West and North Leg area. They include Helen Bader Foundation, Non-Profit Center Milwaukee Chapter, and the Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin. Staffed the MQIC table at MATC's August 23 Coordination Day, faculty and staff invited and received an invitation for upcoming student orientations. MPS coordination continues to provide solutions to their concerns. Haas participated in the WI State Fair MQIC booth on August 14. Outreach continues on the North and West Legs.

Milwaukee BID #21: Transit Fairs continue to be coordinated towards providing education and outreach for transportation and parking options. Identifying key locations for transit fair sites continues to be a priority. W.E. Energies hosted a transit fair on June 14. The office complex on 875 E. Wisconsin hosted a transit fair on June 28 and 1000 N. Water will host their transit fair on July 26. An analysis is being done to find out why the sale of Trolley tickets are down this summer.

Tammy mentioned that they distributed material at the NAACP Convention, Bastille Days, and will make plans to distribute material during the Gospel Music Convention in mid-August.

Joeann Nicholas: Graduation plans for this class will take place in September. Only two more classes will be offered for 2005. WRTP continues to work with Martha Love and UMOS to increase participation of females. Future training proposals are being developed.

Shannon Novotny: Versant Continues radio efforts have been made this summer on Marquette Interchange information along with information in the KEY magazine, the Shepherd Express City Guide, Small Business Times, Milwaukee Business Journal, and the Shepherd Express Summer Fiesta Guide (suburbs). The next GAG will be out in October.

Brian Manthey: Brian provided an update on the next public information contract. The four finalists were all very qualified with Versant being awarded the contract with an anticipated September 1 start. Brian updated the group on the project and encouraged them to continue with their great efforts.